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TOPIC Military Information from Luckenwalde

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1. On 10 January 1951, sentries at the restricted area on Gruonstrasse, Luckenwalde (N 53/2 70), wore red-bordered black epaulets. Source saw about 300 tank officers who passed through the entrance to the restricted area. Motor vehicles seen there were [REDACTED]

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2. The ration supply depot in the former piano factory was not guarded. [REDACTED] were identified at the installation. (2)

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3. Sentries at former P" base camps (Stalag) I through III wore red-bordered black epaulets. Several platoons of soldiers wearing tank insignia were seen drilling in formation in the camp area, while a platoon was firing with pistols in a gravel pit alongside the road to Frankenfelde. Motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were identified at the former PW camps. (3) Soviet envelopes picked up at these installations included:

- a. An envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED], postmarked 8 December 1950, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] and mailed from the Ryazan Oblast. 25X1C
- b. An envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] and postmarked 9 December 1950. 25X1C
- c. A fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] (4) 25X1C

4. Sentries guarding the hospital in the restricted area on Brandenburgstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen there were [REDACTED] (5)

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5. The cooperative bakery on Holzstrasse also supplied Soviet troops in Luckenwalde. Motor vehicles picking up leaves of bread were [REDACTED] (6)

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~~Comments.~~

- (1) According to periodic reports, the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army is located in the restricted area on Gruenstrasse. Courses for officers have been conducted there continually. It is believed that the 300 officers mentioned in the present report attended these courses. Because of these courses, another source believed an officer school was located in the restricted area. 25X1A
- (2) Another source reported that a ration supply depot for Soviet dependents was in the former piano factory. 25X1A
- (3) It is believed that only Camp II, also called Semnon Camp, of the three former PW base camps (Stalag) I through III is still being used. A report of 9 October 1950 by an untested source stated that the officers attending courses in the restricted area on Gruenstrasse were billeted there. See 25X1A

25X1C (4) [redacted] was first reported by an untested source on 18 December 1950 as belonging to the tank instructor's section at the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army.

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305th Gds How Arty Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div in Wittenberg, which was confirmed there until 8 October 1950.

- (5) Another source also reported that a Soviet hospital was located in the former vocational school building on Brandenburgerstrasse. [redacted]
- (6) A Soviet bakery was previously reported to be located on Holzstrasse, near the railroad station. Most of the [redacted] reported from the 25X1A installations in Luckenwalde belonged to headquarters units of the Third 25X1C Gds Mecz Army and some to component units of both the 14th Gds Mecz Div and the 9th Mecz Div. The vehicles of the two divisions are believed to have been supply trucks.

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